

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Address December 22, 2017

### Merry Christmas

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Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas in the coming days, I want to take a moment to wish you and your family a very happy and safe holiday season. At this time of year, I encourage each of you to take time to reflect on the many blessings we enjoy as Americans. Too often, we can become lost in the busyness of our daily lives; however, at the holidays we should slow down and enjoy quality time with our families and friends. This holiday season, I am grateful for the constituents of the 26th District, your counsel and your input, and for the responsibility with which you've entrusted to me as your Representative.

I also ask that you take a moment to think of the service members whose duty to our country takes them far from home this holiday season. We are indebted to them, and I wish them a safe and expedient return home to their loved ones.

Next week, I plan to share a full reflection of what we have accomplished over the past year. However, as we look ahead to the New Year, I am reminded of the goals we set for 2017. The start of the year marked a new Administration and new outlook in Washington. Since January, the United States Congress has delivered on its promises to the American people in several key ways, including installing a new Supreme Court Justice and funding our Armed Forces. We are on the cusp of reauthorizing important public health programs like the state Children's Health Insurance Program, and – just this week – we passed historic tax reform that is going to help hardworking families in North Texas and around the country.

While Congress still has work to do, I am encouraged by the progress we have made. And, I look forward to giving you a fuller picture of the work that has been done for North Texas and all Americans. Until then, I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your concerns on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.